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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 17, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on October 17, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper, where we also discuss the filing herewith of a copy of a French Search Report.

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